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SUBJECT: SUMMARY THOUGHTS ON UPCOMING ELECTION.
WITH ELECTION DAY ONLY 72 HOURS AWAY AND IN AN EFFORT
TO ASSESS ITS OUTCOME AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY
WHAT IMPLICATIONS ITS AFTERMATH MAY HOLD FOR U.S.,
WE ARE STRUCK BY FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS OF
CAMPAIGN THUS FAR IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT:

(1) DEMIREL HAS WAGED UNINSPIRED CAMPAIGN
NOTEWORTHY FOR SEEMING INABILITY IGNITE SUPPORTERS,
WIDEN JP CONSTITUENCY, DEFEND HIS PARTY AGAINST
CHARGES OF BEING ARCHITECTS OF SOARING INFLATION OR

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MOUNT CREDIBLE AND SUSTAINED ATTACK ON RPP AND
ECEVIT AS APOSTLES OF EXTREME LEFT. WITH EXCEPTION
OF DENIZLI-AYDIN AREA WHERE MASSIVE, WELL DISCIPLINED
JP MOTORCADE OCT 7 GAVE DEMIREL ENTHUSIASTIC AND
WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN HEARTENING RECEPTION, RPP
CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION HAS CLEARLY OUTSHONE JP.
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(2). ONE RESULT OF SUPERIOR AND MORE AGGRESSIVE
RPP CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY
LARGER TURNOUTS FOR ECEVIT, AGAIN EXCEPTING DENIZLI-
AYDIN AREA. FOR VOTERS WHO MAY BE SWAYED BY BAND-
WAGON PSYCHOLOGY IMPORTANCE OF SUCH PUBLIC
MANIFESTATIONS CANNOT BE DISCOUNTED.

(3). WHILE ECEVIT AND DEMIREL HAVE EACH REPEATEDLY USED HIS OWN PATENTED BASIC SPEECH IN THEIR APPEARANCES IN THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT, DEMIREL'S SPEECHES WERE PARTICULARLY PLATITUDINOUS BOILERPLATE AND ILL-DEFINED INsofar AS ISSUES. ECEVIT HAS AT LEAST TALKED ABOUT SUCH SPECIFICS AS INFLATION, AMNESTY, CIVIL LIBERTIES AND GREATER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY.

(4). LIKE AVIS RENT-A-CAR, ECEVIT WHO IS RUNNING

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SECOND HAS TRIED HARDER AND, IN OUR JUDGMENT, THIS COULD BE MARGINAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RAZOR-THIN AND COMFORTABLE MAJORITY FOR JP OR, PUT ANOTHER WAY, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A STABLE MAJORITY GOVERNMENT AND AN UNEASY OR TENUOUS COALITION GOVERNMENT.

(5) IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHARISMA IN THIS CAMPAIGN THE MANTLE IS WORN BY ECEVIT. DEMIREL LOOKED AND TALKED VERY MUCH LIKE AN ESTABLISHMENT MAN TO YOUNGER, EDUCATED TURKS. BUT, THEN, THEY HARDLY REPRESENT MAJOR NUMERICAL FACTOR AMONG TURKISH ELECTORATE.

(6). IF ONE SINGLE GENERALIZATION ABOUT CAMPAIGN CAN BE VENTURED IT IS THAT VOTERS AND POLITICANS ALIKE SHARE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT MOOD AND NATION AND, THEREFORE, OUTCOME OF ELECTION. AMONG JP POLITICIANS AND SUPPORTERS FEELING IS NOT ONLY ONE OF UNCERTAINTY BUT SOME APPREHENSION.

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(7). POPPY BAN ISSUE HAS BEEN RELATIVELY MUTED AND THOSE PARTIES, FOR THE MOST PART, THAT HAVE SOUGHT TO INJECT IT INTO THE CAMPAIGN HAVE DONE SO IN

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A GINGERLY FASHION. WE ARE CYNICAL ENOUGH TO THINK THAT THIS IS NOT BECAUSE OF HIGH-MINDED STATESMANSHIP ON PART OF MOST PARTY LEADERS BUT BECAUSE CAMPAIGN TREND-SETTER SUCH AS ECEVIT HAS DISCERNED REAL GUT ISSUES AS INFLATION AND VOTER DEMAND FOR LARGER SLICE OF GOOD THINGS IN LIFE.

(8). TO GREATER DEGREE THAN WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED, MAJOR PARTIES HAVE RESISTED TEMPTATION TO OVERPLAY THEME THAT THE MILITARY BEAR MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR TURKEY'S REAL AND FANCIED ILLS. THIS SUGGESTS TO US THAT POLITICAL PARTIES MAY FEEL THAT DISCRETION IS STILL BETTER PART OF VALOR IN

DEALING WITH GENERALS DESPITE BACKDOWN BY LATTER
AT TIME OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION LAST APRIL.

(9) FROM WHERE WE SIT, SMALLER PARTIES ARE
LIKELY TO WIND UP IN FAMILIAR CATEGORY OF ALSO-RANS
ALTHOUGH RR, IF ABLE TO GARNER A RESPECTABLE NUMBER
OF SEATS, COULD FIND ITSELF IN CATBIRD SEAT IF COALITION
GOVERNMENT FORCED UPON JP.

(10). IF TREND WE SENSE IN IZMIR AREA PROVES TO BE

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REFLECTED GENERALLY IN VOTING IN AEGEAN AREA AND
PROJECTED NATIONALLY, U.S. CAN TAKE LITTLE COMFORT
IN AN OUTCOME THAT COULD POSSIBLE MEAN A WEAKENED
JP GAINING POWER BY SKIN OF ITS TEETH OR AS SENIOR
PARTNER IN VULNERABLE COALITION.

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